

The purpose of the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program is to encourage schools to provide grants to exceptionally needy undergraduate students to help pay for postsecondary education. This provision is in Section 413C(c)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Giving priority to applicants with exceptional financial need, schools selecting FSEOG recipients must use the selection criteria discussed in chapter 2 of this volume.

RECENT CHANGES

Starting with the 2000-2001 award year, the allocation formula has changed. Under the new formula:

- the base is equal to the total of the base guarantee plus the pro rata share received for the 1999-2000 award year;
- the pro rata share is eliminated;
- and the fair share calculation is based on all the excess funds after the base guarantees are met.

